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In re: Bayya et al  
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Small Particles

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## Amendment After Final Rejection

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20230:

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection office action dated Nov.  
21, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please disregard the previous amendment made in the paragraph  
starting at line 3 on p. 9 of the specification and replace it with  
the following paragraph:

--In order to fully coat the particles or provide complete  
hermeticity, it may be necessary to coat the particles more than  
once. Also, particles of the coating material, can also be present  
since volume of the coating material on a particle is unexpectedly  
high. To demonstrate the unexpectedly high volume of the coating  
material on a coated particle, a 90 nm thick coating on a 5-micron  
particle is equivalent to about a micron particle of the coating  
material. Particles of the coating material, as well as uncoated  
particles, also decrease efficiency and brightness of a batch of  
coated particles containing a preponderance of coated particles  
where the coating material is different from the particles and a